

Plainfield Conservation Commission

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Minutes from December 14, 2006

Members in Attendance: David Grobe, Jeff Marsh, Jim Taylor, Gordon Wilder, Margaret Gibson, Judy Ptak.

Others in Attendance: John Taylor, Bill Knight, Kevin O'Leary

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

The minutes from November 9, 2006, were approved after a motion from Jim Taylor and second from Jeff Marsh, all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Trails/Foot bridge

Bill Knight gave an update on the status of the bridge it is essentially done and looking good. Eric Cole will donate some Hemlock and Tamarack and Jim Fitch will saw in material for repairs and other stream crossings. They are short a few hundred dollars and would like the CC to use some money from the Conservation Fund as discussed at a previous meeting. They received a grant from the Byrne Foundation and thought that could endow the maintenance of the bridge and could decommission the bridge if it was to ever be decommissioned. John Taylor asked the CC if it might support the mapping and printing of an updated trail map for sale to the public at the Town Offices and Libraries. All supported the idea. Gordon Wilder moved that \$1,500 be removed from the Conservation Fund pursuant to a Public Hearing held on March 9, 2006, Jim Taylor seconded, all in favor. Mr. Knight would also like to recognize the effort of several businesses that donated machine time and materials including: LaValleys, Maks, Jim Fitch, Leo Maslan, Dan Lewis.

B. Boundary Marking Project

Nothing new to report. Discussion regarding another Town Meeting request to continue with project followed. Margaret Gibson moved to request another \$5,000 to be taken out of the Forest Maintenance Fund, Judy Ptak seconded, all in favor

C. Wetland Buffer Ordinance

Ordinance was emailed by the Town Administrator to CC. Comments are due in writing by Dec 18th and might be January 15, 2007 before it is back on the Planning Board Agenda. All are encouraged to attend hearing. Discussion followed regarding the details of the ordinance and how it would be administered. After much discussion that seemed to raise more questions than it answered Gordon Wilder made a motion to have Chairman Grobe write a letter to the Planning Board stating our questions and concerns and request another year to study this very important issue, Judy Ptak seconded, all in favor with Margaret Gibson abstaining.

D. Budget

Not submitted on time that leaves the CC level funded at \$2,500.

E. LCIP easement monitoring update, schedule walk at Morgan Hill

Chairman Grobe and Jeff Marsh completed the monitoring and reported that the new road looks good and that no easement violations were observed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Committee Reports

1. Wetland Permit applications - No applications
2. Intent to Cut Notices - No applications

B. NH Audubon

Ned Swanberg has requested time at the January meeting and it was granted by the CC members.

C. Annual Report –

After failing miserably to delegate this important task, Chairman Grobe will once again work his magic pen to submit a concise and timely account of our 2006 activities.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Mail

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

James L. Taylor